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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF UK VOTE AGAINST PRG IN LAW OF WAR

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1. SUGGEST YOU PASS FOLLOWING TO CHAPMAN, FCO, IN
RESPONSE TO INQUIRY REFTEL.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS GREATLY APPRECIATED INFORMATION FROM
UK MISSION IN HANOI PASSED BY UK EMBASSY HERE. FURTHER,
WE HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL THAT WESTERN PRESENCE IN DRV COULD
HELP DRAW NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS FROM SELF-IMPOSED
ISOLATION AND THUS HAVE MODERATING INFLUENCE ON DRV
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POLICIES. THUS FAR WE SEE LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT THIS HAS

BEEN THE CASE, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GIVE UP
HOPE ON THIS SCORE.

3. DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE UK REPRESENTATION
IN HANOI IS OF COURSE ONE FOR HMG TO MAKE. WHILE WE
ARE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED
BY AMBASSADOR FAWCETT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD SERVE
UK OR US INTERESTS FOR HMG TO ACCEDE TO WHAT ARE OBVIOUS

ATTEMPTS AT BLACKMAIL ON THE PART OF THE DRV.
SPECIFICALLY, WE REMAIN TOTALLY OPPOSED TO ANY MOVES BY

WESTERN COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD ENHANCE THE LEGITIMACY OF
THE PRG. WE ARE GRATIFIED WITH HMG'S PAST SUPPORT AND
HOPE IT WILL REMAIN WITH US ON THIS ISSUE. KISSINGER

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